

## BRITISH HOLDING ALL GROUND WON

Gen. Haig Reports the Repulse  
of Fierce Counter Attacks  
Made by Teutons.

### RUSH MEN TO SOMME FRONT

Troops Taken From Before Verdun  
to Stem Tide—Russians Are  
Still Advancing.

London, July 26.—The battle on the Somme front, which began Saturday at midnight and has continued since with brief lulls, still is being fought by British and Germans with the utmost stubbornness. An indication of the importance the Germans attach to defending their line is found in the report of General Haig, the British commander, and in the German admission that troops have been brought from before Verdun in order to lend all possible strength to General Von Einem.

The British, if they are making but slow progress, have been able to repulse all the fierce German counter attacks and fully maintain their ground, although the fighting largely consists of hand to hand conflicts. There is no news as to whether the Australians, who hold the greater portion of the village of Pozieres, have yet secured the eastern part, which is on the plateau dominating the village. But General Haig tonight reports the repulse of a German infantry attack from the east.

Calm prevailed on the French section of the front in the Somme region. In fact, except for violent bombardment of La Laufee, to the northeast of Verdun, the French war office says there has been no important action on the entire front.

The Russians continue to make progress against the Teutonic allies in the Volhynia district, sending their troops across the Slonevke river, notwithstanding the fire of the Teutons. One thousand prisoners and four cannon and five machine guns, which later were used against the Austrians and Germans, were taken in this region by the Russians.

**Germans Admit Losses.**  
Berlin admits the penetration by the Russians of part of General Von Linsingen's first line trenches in Volhynia.

In the Carpathian district the Austrians at several points attacked the Russian cavalry operating against them, but Petrograd says they were everywhere repulsed.

**Slavs Gain Near Riga.**  
London, July 25.—The Germans have been driven back twelve miles at one point on the Riga front, according to a Reuter's dispatch from Petrograd. Progress of the Russians is claimed on a front running from the Gulf of Riga to Kull, a distance of more than thirty miles, the greatest advance being made along the coast line.

The dispatch says that fighting went on without pause for four days prior to Sunday. It has now halted, as the Russians require time to consolidate the ground they have gained and the Germans are waiting for reinforcements being brought from other sectors of the eastern front.

**Kaiser to East Front.**  
Petrograd claims the dislodgment of the Germans from the village of Galichan, on the Lipa river in Volhynia, while Berlin says that near the Galician border, in Southern Volhynia, strong attacks by the Russians against the German line were repulsed. Emperor William is reported to have left the French front to observe the operations in the east.

The Russians have made further progress against the Turks in the Erzincan region of Turkish Armenia, while to the south, along the Persian front, the Turks report that they have gained fresh successes over the Russians.

The Italians in the Astico and Avisio regions of the Austro-Italian theater report continued advances against the Austrians.

At Poziers the Australians are still fighting furiously with the Germans for possession of the village and the head of the road leading from it to Bapaume and the greater part of the village is now reported to be in the Australians' hands. There has been a diminution in the vicious fighting which began Saturday night along the British front from Thiepval to Guillemont.

Rome, July 25.—Italian attacks in the Astico region to gain possession of Monte Cimont are making good progress, says the Italian official statement issued today. The Austrian defenses just below the summit were captured yesterday.

**Paralysis Deaths Up Again.**  
New York, July 26.—Both deaths and new cases increased today in the epidemic of infantile paralysis. During the twenty-four hours ending at 10 o'clock this morning thirty-eight children died from the disease and one hundred and fifty were stricken.

**Wilson For Big Navy Bill.**  
Washington, July 26.—Official word went to the House today that President Wilson stands behind the construction program of the Naval Bill as it passed the Senate.

## PLACES BLAME ON VILLISTAS

General Bell Notifies Mexican Commander of Bandits' Rendezvous on Island in Rio Grande.

El Paso, Tex., July 25.—General George Bell, Jr., commanding the El Paso military district, tonight notified General Francisco Gonzales, commandant in Juarez, that his reports indicated that six outlaws, Villista sympathizers, have been responsible for the recent exchanges of shots between Massachusetts national guardsmen in this vicinity and Mexicans south of the frontier.

These outlaws, General Bell's information said, have a rendezvous on "The Island," a bit of Mexican territory a few miles below El Paso, left on the American side of the river when the Rio Grande formed a new channel. He suggested that General Gonzales take steps to break up the band.

Both General Bell and General Gonzales tonight continued their investigation of last night's exchange of shots between outposts of the Ninth Massachusetts Infantry and reports that the Americans had crossed into Mexican territory. During the day the two commanders exchanged views several times through Andrea Garcia, Mexican consul at El Paso, with a view to eliminating the sniping below El Paso.

General Gonzales and Mr. Garcia announced that they had protested to General Bell against the conduct of the militiamen, whom they said "crossed into Mexican territory yesterday morning in violation of Mexican rights and last night 'shot up' without provocation, a number of homes on the Mexican side of the border."

Brownsville, Tex., July 25.—The Illinois cavalry regiment doing border patrol duty in this section was given its first thrill of excitement today when a sentry of A troop, guarding the local electric light plant, reported he had exchanged shots with three armed Mexicans. No one was shot. The sentry said he ordered the approaching Mexicans to halt and when they failed to respond he fired. They returned two or three shots, turned and retreated.

### DYNAMITE BOMB KILLS SIX

Explosion in Crowded San Francisco Street During Preparedness Parade Charged to Anarchists.

San Francisco, July 24.—Six persons were killed and forty severely injured this afternoon when an infernal machine was exploded in the crowd viewing the great preparedness parade in which more than twenty-five thousand residents of San Francisco and the bay cities marched.

The thousands of spectators and marchers in the vicinity of Steuart and Market street, where the explosion occurred, were thrown into a wild panic.

The parade wended through the street without a break. The veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic waiting in Steuart street to fall into line, narrowly escaped death, but proceeded with the march.

### BUYS DANISH WEST INDIES

Negotiations Practically Completed for Purchase of Islands by the United States Government.

Washington, July 26.—Official announcement was made at the White House today that negotiations have practically been completed for the purchase of the Danish West Indies by the United States from Denmark for 25 million dollars. A treaty closing the transaction probably will be signed today and sent immediately to the Senate.

Lying near Porto Rico, the islands are said by naval officials to possess excellent advantages as a naval base and coaling station. In the archipelago are the islands of St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John. The price agreed upon in 1910 by the United States was 4 million dollars.

### RESENT BRITISH BLACKLIST

Administration Officials Prepare to Act Vigorously to Prevent Injury to American Merchants.

Washington, July 26.—Administration officials gave further evidence today that they were preparing to take vigorous action to prevent injury to American firms through Great Britain's promulgation of a commercial blacklist under the Trading With the Enemy Act. President Wilson told callers he was much concerned over the possibilities of the British order and there were indications at the State Department that some action might be taken soon unless a reply was forthcoming to the informal inquiries on the subject made by Ambassador Page at London.

**Asquith Asks 2 1/4 Billion.**  
London, July 25.—Premier Asquith today asked the House of Commons for a vote of credit of 2 1/4 billion dollars. That is the largest amount asked by the government since the beginning of the war and will bring the total vote this year to 5 1/4 billion.

**Oklahoma Oil Down a Dime.**  
Tulsa, Ok., July 25.—The Prairie Oil and Gas Company this morning posted a price of \$1.45 for Mid-Continent crude, which is a cut of ten cents from the present price.

## BRITAIN EXPLAINS

English Ambassador at Washington Tells Why the Blacklist is Used.

### NOT AIMED AT NEUTRAL TRADE

Sir Cecil Springs Rice Says Existing Contracts Will Be Carried Out—Statement Soon.

Washington, July 6.—An answer in part to the state department's request for information concerning the blacklisting of American firms by Great Britain was given informally to Acting Secretary Polk late today by Sir Cecil Springs-Rice, the British ambassador.

Sir Cecil said the blacklist was not directed against neutral trade; it was not intended to affect existing contracts, and that the British government would be glad to consider the cases of firms desiring to offer proof that they had been put on the list unjustifiably.

#### A Full Statement Soon.

In telling of the ambassador's visit later, Mr. Polk said the information had been accepted without prejudice to any action which the United States might determine to take in the matter.

It is understood a full statement of the British position will be given out by the foreign office in London in a few days.

Mr. Polk was assured by the ambassador that the blacklist was designed solely to prevent British capital and credit being used to support an enemy. That, it was said, will be set forth at length in the forthcoming foreign office statement, which probably will take the form of an announcement in Parliament. Pending its issuance, the State Department will delay an announcement it is preparing for the information of the American business public.

#### To Aid Individual Firms.

For the present, while trying to outline the general principles upon which negotiations on the subject should be conducted, the State Department is giving chief attention to the relief of individual firms which may suffer, without intent on their part of violating any legal right of the British government. One case under consideration is that of a California firm which had contracted to deliver a quantity of oil in Australia. As the name of this firm appeared on the blacklist, the Australian consignee canceled the order by cable. The ambassador's assurances that contracts will not be impaired is taken by officials to mean that in instances of this nature the consignees will be instructed to carry out transactions already begun.

### TWENTY-TWO DIE IN TUNNEL

Six Others Probably Fatally Injured by Gas Explosion Under Lake Erie at Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., July 26.—Twenty-two men are dead and half a dozen others dying as the result of an explosion of gas in a water works tunnel five miles from shore underneath Lake Erie late last night.

The dead include workmen who were trapped in the tunnel when gas exploded and members of two rescue parties who attempted to save the men first trapped.

All of the ten dead so far recovered were members of the first and second rescue parties. Eleven workmen originally entombed are still buried. Rescuers believe the tunnel caved in after the explosion and the remaining victims are buried under tons of mud and may not be reached for days.

Of the dead, eleven were in the force trapped by the explosion. None of them escaped. The first rescue party consisted of seven men. Four of them perished and three were saved. The second rescue party comprised eleven men. Six of them lost their lives and five escaped.

The first rescue party accomplished nothing. The second saved one of the first relief expedition. No one has yet reached any of the original eleven caught in the workings. Of the eight rescuers who got out alive two died later. The other may die. Two men who did not go into the tunnel were overcome by fumes.

A third rescue party entered the tunnel at 8:30 o'clock, and brought out alive Gustav C. Van Duzen, superintendent of water works construction, who had headed the second relief force. Van Duzen may die. One body also was brought out by the third rescue party.

Petrograd, July 22.—The capture by Russian troops of the town of Gumushap, forty-five miles southwest of Trebizond in Turkish Armenia was announced today.

**Train Hits Motor Car; One Killed.**  
Belleville, Ill., July 24.—Ulysses Van Osedale, a coal miner, was killed and Archie Stokes, an electrician, was injured critically when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a train at an Illinois Central crossing near here tonight.

**Two Deaths in Motor Race.**  
Portland, Ore., July 24.—Ulysses Aubrey of Tacoma, Wash., driver of a motor car in a pursuit race here today, was killed when his car left the track and tore through a fence.

## WILLIAM G. M'ADOO



It is rumored in Washington that Secretary of the Treasury M'Adoo will resign from the cabinet to become governor of the federal reserve board.

## HE FLEW ACROSS GERMANY

French Aviator Was Captured 60 Miles From Russian Lines After 807-Mile Journey.

Paris, July 25.—A French aviator, Antoine Marchal, who started from Nancy on an aeroplane trip to Russia by way of Berlin, failed in his aerial race by a bare sixty miles, according to word here today. He was captured by the Germans at Chalm, in Poland, after having dropped proclamations on Berlin.

The proclamations dropped by Lieutenant Marchal stated that though it was possible the aviator refrained from bombarding the open town and "thus kill the women and innocent children."

Lieutenant Marchal made a continuous flight of about 807 miles, most of which he traveled in darkness. The official communication given out today telling of the flight said:

"June 20 at 9:30 o'clock in the evening, Sub-Lieutenant Marchal ascended at Nancy on board a Nieuport monoplane of a special type, taking with him a supply of fuel sufficient to last fourteen hours. His mission was to cross Germany at a low altitude in order to drop proclamations on the capital, Berlin, and then to descend in Russia."

"This audacious flight was accomplished point by point and after flying all night Lieutenant Marchal was compelled to descend at 8:30 o'clock in the morning of June 21 near Chelm, Russian Poland, one hundred kilometers (sixty-two miles) from the Russian lines. He was made prisoner."

### J. WHITCOMB RILEY IS DEAD

Hoosier Poet Succumbs to Stroke of Paralysis Brought on by the Intense Heat.

Indianapolis, July 24.—James Whitcomb Riley died Saturday night at 10:50 o'clock while only Mr. Riley's nurse was awake in the poet's home. He had asked for a drink of water and reclined on his bed again. Miss Clementia Prough, the nurse, resumed her vigil and noticing that the poet seemed not to be resting easily, approached his bed. Mr. Riley died before she reached his side.

Mr. Riley's death was due to paralysis. He suffered a violent stroke about 7:30 o'clock Saturday morning and the members of his household were greatly alarmed, but under Dr. Carleton B. McCulloch's ministrations the poet seemed to improve and early this evening was regarded as much better. Information was given to the public that Mr. Riley was in no danger, but within a few hours he was dead.

### CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

The general committee of the garment makers' union has decided by a close vote to accept the 3-year agreement signed by officials of the union and representatives of the manufacturers, thus ending the lockout and strike which for three months virtually has paralyzed the women's clothing industry in New York City.

The Dutch government intends to introduce bread cards throughout Holland, according to announcement made by the Telegraaf. The reason assigned is the shortage of grain.

The Senate has called a halt on wholesale reductions begun in the Army Appropriation Bill, voting down retrenchment proposals and approving increases totaling more than 30 million dollars when sections were reached carrying provisions for ordnance and equipment.

Imprisoned in the new water works tunnel under Lake Erie, Cleveland, O., as a result of a terrific explosion of gas in the tube, sixteen men are believed to be dead. The blast occurred shortly before midnight.

## DIVIDES ROAD FUND

Missouri Will Get \$169,720 and Kansas \$143,207 of the Federal Money.

### MUST SPEND EQUAL AMOUNT

Each State Receiving Government Aid Must Duplicate Sum Expended on Its Highways.

Washington, July 27.—As the first step in the federal government's part of spending 150 million dollars on good roads in the next five years in co-operation with the states, Secretary Houston announced today the apportionment of federal funds for this year. A circular will also be sent to all the governors and state highway authorities outlining a tentative plan of procedure.

The 150 million dollars is to be paid half by the government and half by the several states, apportioned among the latter according to their respective area, population and rural mail route mileage.

The expenditures are authorized by the Shackleford-Bankhead Good Roads law, the first granting federal aid to states in road building. Actual construction of some of the roads may begin this fall and extensive construction next spring is planned.

#### Divides 5 Millions This Year.

Appropriations for the present year, ending July 1, 1917, authorized by Congress, are 5 million dollars. For the four succeeding years they are, respectively, 10 million dollars, 15 million dollars, 20 million dollars and 25 million dollars. The law provides, however, that no government money shall be available unless the states spend an equal amount, matching the government contributions dollar for dollar.

Every cent of the federal and state funds, the act provides, shall be spent to build new roads. Maintenance costs thereafter must be borne by the states alone.

Rules and regulations to put the Federal Aid law, as it is popularly known, into prompt operation are now being drafted by the secretary of agriculture, upon whom devolves practically the entire work of supervising the government expenditures. Immediate supervision will be by the office of public roads and rural engineering, of which Logan Waller-Page is director.

#### What Each State Gets.

A conference of highway representatives of all states and, possibly, of organizations interested in the good roads movement, engineering experts and others, to discuss measures for promulgating the new law is planned soon by Secretary Houston.

The apportionments of this year's 5 million dollar appropriation, less 3 per cent for administrative expenses, with those of other years in proportion, include:

Arkansas, \$82,689; Colorado, \$83,690; Iowa, \$146,175; Kansas, \$143,207; Missouri, \$169,720; Nebraska, \$106,770; Oklahoma, \$115,139; Texas, \$291,927.

The first installment is for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917.

### FOR A NATION-WIDE STRIKE

Vote of Railroad Brotherhoods Overwhelmingly Favors Walkout—450,000 Employees Will Be Affected.

St. Louis, July 27.—The strike vote of the four train service brotherhoods which ended tonight at midnight, resulted overwhelmingly in favor of a strike.

Confidential advices received tonight by the St. Louis Republic from all sections of the country justify the forecast that from between 96 and 98 per cent of the brotherhoods membership have voted in favor of a Nation-wide strike, affecting practically every railroad in the United States and approximately 450,000 employees.

In the St. Louis district the percentage will probably exceed the above estimate. On reliable authority it is estimated that Frisco employees have been practically unanimous in the casting of the strike ballot. Ninety-nine per cent of the men are said to have voted for the "walk-out."

### MILITIA OFFICERS TO ARMY

San Antonio, Tex., July 27.—General Funston today received authorization from the war department to carry out his recent suggestion that second lieutenants of the national guard be detailed for service with the regular army, which, under the reorganization, is without officers of this grade, all having been promoted.

It is estimated that an average of three second lieutenants will be drafted from each national guard regiment.

#### Paralysis Spread by Children.

New York, July 27.—Infantile paralysis is spread primarily by personal contact of child with child, according to a statement made by Dr. Simon Flexner of the Rockefeller Institute today.

**A Mexican Wreck Kills Twelve.**  
Laredo, Tex., July 27.—Twelve persons were instantly killed and twenty-two injured in a wreck of a north-bound train on the National lines at Morales, Mexico, forty miles north of Monterey, Mexico, late yesterday.

## WOMAN HAD NERVOUS TROUBLE

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Helped Her.

West Danby, N. Y.—"I have had nervous trouble all my life until I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for berries and for female troubles and it straightened me out in good shape. I work nearly all the time, as we live on a farm and I have four girls. I do all my sewing and other work with their help, so it shows that I stand it real well. I took the Compound when my ten year old daughter came and it helped me a lot. I have also had my oldest girl take it and it did her lots of good. I keep it in the house all the time and recommend it."—Mrs. DEWITT SINCEBAUGH, West Danby, N. Y.

Sleeplessness, nervousness, irritability, backache, headaches, dragging sensations, all point to female derangements which may be overcome by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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"Hunt's Cure" is guaranteed to stop and permanently cure that terrible itching. It is compounded for that purpose and if Hunt's Cure fails to cure it, Hunt's Cure will not sell in that territory. Ask for Hunt's Cure, or any other skin disease. 50c the box.

For sale by all drug stores or by mail from the A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Tex.

### Kill All Flies!

They Spread Disease. Flies anywhere, they fly. Kill them with the Daisley Fly Killer. It is compounded for that purpose and if Daisley's Fly Killer fails to kill them, Daisley's Fly Killer will not sell in that territory. Ask for Daisley's Fly Killer, or any other skin disease. 50c the box.

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### HOME YEARNING TOO STRONG

Wanderer Unable to Resist the Impulse That Bade Him Turn His Steps to Shelter and Peace.

The lone traveler plodded wearily onward, sighing sorely, panting pitifully.

"I'm homesick, that's what's the matter with me," he groaned. "Only been gone a month, and homesick. I'm a fine one, I am!"

And he trudged tearfully. The wind whistled "Tipperary" through the naked branches, a few dry sturgeon leaves fluttered down, everything spoke of approaching winter.

"Homesick!" he muttered resentfully. "I'm a softie, I am. Homesick!" And he meandered mournfully, muttering.

Overhead the sky was gray and cold, and with the exception of a few shivering titlarks no birds were visible.

"I can't stand it!" cried the lone traveler. "I give in. Oh, what a softie!"

And the tramp knocked on the door of the next jail he passed and asked please to be plucked over the cold weather.—Louisville Times.

### At Parting.

"Good-by, Nell; I'm off to the border."

"Good-by, Jack; I hope the Mexicans will miss you, too."

### Grape-Nuts

embodies the full, rich nutriment of whole wheat combined with malted barley. This combination gives it a distinctive, delicious flavor unknown to foods made from wheat alone.

Only selected grain is used in making Grape-Nuts and through skillful processing it comes from the package fresh, crisp, untouched by hand, and ready to eat.

Through long baking, the energy producing starches of the grain are made wonderfully easy of digestion.

A daily ration of this splendid food yields a marvelous return of health and comfort.

### "There's a Reason"

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